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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 653  
By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John William Smart  
longtime Sumner County Commissioner.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize dedicated public servants who have tirelessly worked for the public good, thus providing many substantial benefits for their respective communities and the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, John William Smart, who has served admirably as a Sumner County Commissioner for twenty-two productive years, representing the fortunate residents of his beloved 12<sup>th</sup> District, is clearly one such exemplary individual; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smart has served successfully on each of the Sumner County Commission committees during his illustrious tenure, lending his wisdom and sage advice on important matters; and

WHEREAS, born on May 26, 1918, he entered the United States Navy on October 3, 1939 and bravely served his country during World War II in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters serving aboard aircraft carriers for fifty-four months; and

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WHEREAS, after completing sea duty, Mr. Stuart was transferred to Norman, Oklahoma, where he served as a highly regarded instructor in "C" Schools; and

WHEREAS, his naval service also included working as a member of the support crew for the North American Defense Command in California and meritorious service as an instructor for the Naval Air Reserve Force at the Naval Air Station, in Millington, Texas; and

WHEREAS, he retired from the United States Navy after 22 years of commendable service in March, 1960, and moved back to his hometown of White House; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smart then worked for the Gates Rubber Company for twenty-one years. He was highly praised for his strong work ethic and his company loyalty, and he was an excellent role model for both new and old employees; and

WHEREAS, he has also generously lent his time and leadership to many worthwhile civic projects, including numerous White House school projects; this year alone he sold more than twenty tickets to the Steak Supper and Auction; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mr. Smart loves to fish; and

WHEREAS, his lovely wife, Sue, has supported him in all his efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to salute the countless contributions made by John William Smart to the United States Navy, the Gates Rubber Company, and to the White House community and Sumner County as a Commissioner; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend John William Smart for his exemplary public service in numerous capacities and wish him much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.